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TOPIC Military Activity at Bydgoszcz

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REMARKS                     

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1. In 1954, the former Artillerie Kaserne west of Al. 1-go Maja at Bydgoszcz (P 54/3 09) was occupied by Polish units of different branches of service. The soldiers were olive-drab uniforms and red cap ribbons. Part of the installation was occupied by artillery units. A heavy-type gun on a track-laying gun carriage with a very thick but not very long barrel was observed. It was towed by a caterpillar tractor. Another type of gun, probably of 150-mm caliber, was towed by trucks. In the spring of 1954, an individual SP gun had been observed. Numerous trucks were parked in the southern section of the installation. Soldiers practiced close-order drill without heavy weapons.                      the units moved to the summer camp in Tucheler Heide in the summer of 1954. One building of the former Artillerie Kaserne was guarded by a sentry who had a blue cap ribbon. 25X1
2. In May 1954, a military parade was observed at the old main square. It was led by a band and consisted of 8 or 9 groups in company strength. The soldiers were identified as infantry personnel. About 20 to 25 motorcycles, some with sidecars, were followed by 7 or 8 heavy guns on track-laying gun carriages towed by caterpillar tractors and 12 to 15 light guns towed by trucks. Some men and women in protective clothing with gas masks were also observed. The units and guns came from the former Artillerie Kaserne.
3. Prior to late 1954, Soviet military personnel and a great number of officers were observed at the installation near the main railroad station.                      their dependents were also quartered at this installation.<sup>2</sup> 25X1  
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4. In 1954, groups of Polish officer candidates were continually observed in Bydgoszcz. No officer candidate school, however, could be                      at Bydgoszcz.<sup>3</sup>
1.                      Comment. The occupation of the Artillerie Kaserne is not clearly determined. Previous reports, according to which elements of a KBW-regiment as well as other units are stationed there, are supported by the observation of a sentry wearing a red cap ribbon. No definite records on infantry units in this installation are available. The fact, however, that the units were transferred to the Tucheler Heide during the summer months implies that army units are stationed in the installation. The presence of heavy guns, which is reported for the first time, tends to indicate that Corps or army artillery units are also stationed in the installation. 25X1


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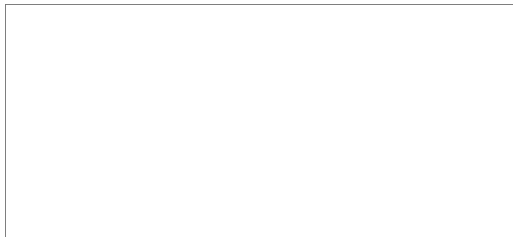
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2.  Comment. No information is available on Soviet personnel in this installation.

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3.  Comment. No information is available on an officer candidate school in Bydgoszcz.

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